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The Honorable Louis Stokes
Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on
Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am enclosing for your information a copy of a letter we recently sent to Chairman Eoren and Vice-Chairman Cohen of the Senate Intelligence Committee. The purpose of that letter is to confirm our understanding with the Senate Intelligence Committee that the definition of special activities contained in S. 1721, the "Intelligence Oversight Act of 1988," maintains the status quo with respect to when Presidential Findings are required. The letter also notes that we are working with the House Intelligence Committee to further clarify this understanding, and that we hope the ultimate result will be a single definition that would apply to all U.S. Government departments and agencies.

Our staffs have already met to discuss this issue, and I am hopeful that an agreement can be reached on the definition of special activities prior to the Committee markup of H.R. 3822.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

John L. Helgerson
Director of Congressional Affairs

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